MINISTER VISITS UNFICYP

The Finnish Minister of Defence His Excellency Mr. Seppo Westerlund visited Headquarters UNFICYP last week and called on both Ambassador Perez de Cuellar and Major General J. J. Quinn. With the Minister were Major General A. Pajunen (extreme left) and Ambassador Kenjiro.

General Quinn Visits Force Reserve

General Quinn paid his first visit to B Squadron 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars, the Force Reserve, recently. During his visit he was briefed on the squadron’s current tasks and saw for himself what conditions are like on patrol. He is seen with his ADC, Captain L. Bambden, (right) being briefed by Sgt. Harrison and left in his Jericho ready to move off.
THE "ENEMY" FAILED TO INVADE CAPE PYLA

Five times "enemy forces" tried to invade Pyla and five times they failed. That was the result when two platoons from the Swedish battalion practiced field firing at Cape Pyla. There was no helicopter available that day so the three platoons were dropped in the battle area by a Land-Rover!! The "White Elephants" was the English nickname for the old Swedish armoured cars — also took part in the battle. In the afternnon, at the end of the exercise, approximately 4,000 rounds of ammunition and 20 grenades had been fired.

A BLANKET BANQUET

"Clean Monday" that is the name of the first day of the 40 days of Lent in the Orthodox Church. In Sector Six this day is traditionally celebrated in the neighbourhood of Cape Greco. A large number of families and youths from the surrounding villages gathered in the area and the narrow roads were packed with cars and strolling people. As in the past the Swedish soldiers from Famagusta joined the picnic. Almost everywhere people could be seen sitting on their blankets enjoying such food as cattle fish and all kinds of vegetables which are typical for Lent and the "Clean Monday", and drinking the local red wine and brandy. Many of the Swedish soldiers said that the day was like a rehearsal for their "Midsummer Night", and that they had thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this Cypriot festival.
MEDAL PARADE AT AIRPORT

The colours of 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment and the armoured cars of the Force Reserve seen coming onto the parade ground.

The helicopters of the Army Air Corps and 84 Squadron RAF flying past the parade.

The parade also marked the closure of the RAF Station Nicosia, as responsibility for the area has now been taken over by the Army Headquarters in Episkopi. The RAF presence in UNFICYP was clearly seen when Corporal R. J. Coventry of 84 Squadron Detachment received his medal (above) from General Quinn.

BRITCON NEWS

The Force Commander inspecting B Squadron’s ferrets.

2nd PLACE FOR AUSCON

The Force Commander is seen presenting the medal for second place in the UNFICYP Skiing Competition to Cpl Hasenauer.

AND AGAIN “WASSER MARSH” AT AUSCON CAMP


The routine fire drills at Auscon were put to the test successfully when a fire broke out in the sauna on 10th February. Due to the skilful work of the Pioneers everything was repaired and in working order only 2 hours later.

FIRE!

The Pioneers prove their repair works as they wash their own hands after the fire.

AU Con NEWS

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Unser Td Mechaniker Vol Kleewein. Sein er hier ist, tauen sich nicht einmal mehr die Batterien zu streiken.

Has a cockroach got in again?
CANCON NEWS

Recently Cancon has been honoured by two visits by members of our Diplomatic Corps. On 21st February Mr Michael Bell visited the Contingent from his post in Tel Aviv. On 24th February Mr William Barton, Canada’s Ambassador to the United Nations visited both the Canadian Contingent and other contingents on the Island. Some of our members also were introduced to another sport, rugby, during a recent UNFICYP tournament. They report that they suffered only one broken nose.

Mr William Barton inspects a Guard of Honour at Wolseley Barracks.

KENRAALIT KÄIVIVÄT KYPROKSELLA


FINCON NEWS

HYVIN LUISTI SUKSI


The most traditional sport in Finland is curling, skating, and particularly cross-country skiing. A competition was held on the 19th February at Turku. In the picture (below) the winter Sr Lt E. Heiska can be seen beginning the course.

Puttling goes on all the time. Pictured above are Master General Publicover and his driver while on patrol on the Pegusus Track.

Curling! Lieutenant Mombourgette leaves a rock in play in the Blue Beret Camp.
AUSCIVPOL MOVE

On the 22nd February the remainder of AUSCIVPOL moved into their new premises at Wodakdy Barracks and Leda Palace. They were welcomed at a short ceremony to mark this move by Lt Col D J B Ellis CD, CO 2 RCB who in a speech emphasised the excellent cooperation that exists between the police element and Cancom.

AUSCIVPOL have already settled down and are extremely grateful for the hospitality offered by Colcons.

UNIFICYP SKI COMPETITION

On 23rd February the Austrian contingent organised and ran a most successful ski competition on the north face of Mount Olympus. The course, which was laid out by WO1 A Bayer, was a real test that required both skill and courage to complete.

The Swedish contingent team (picture right) won the team prize with Pre Molbyke first. The Austrian contingent team were second and the British third.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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LESSON OF THE MONTH

Drive Dangerously and Die

Drive Safely and Survive.